

dempe_dutta_3_4

This second example from Dempe and Dutta's 2012 paper [1, Example 3.4] shows that in the case of multiple Lagrange multipliers and when the constant rank constraint qualification is not satisfied, the KKT-reformulation will have solutions that do not correspond to bilevel solutions. In particular, this Bilevel program has a unique minimum at $(0.5, 0.5)$. However, its corresponding KKT-reformulation has multiple minima, including one at $(0, 1)$, which is not the solution to the bilevel.

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{x, y^*}{\text{minimise}} && (x - 1)^2 + (y^* - 1)^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && y^* \in \arg \min_y \begin{cases} -y : \\ \text{s.t.} & x + y \leq 1 \\ & -x + y \leq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

			Dimension	Type
Upper-level	x	variables	1	real
	F(x,y)	objective	1	quadratic
	G(x,y)	inequality	0	none
	H(x,y)	equality	0	none
Lower-level	y	variables	1	real
	f(x,y)	objective	1	linear
	g(x,y)	inequality	2	linear
	h(x,y)	equality	0	none

References

- [1] Stephan Dempe and Joydeep Dutta. Is bilevel programming a special case of a mathematical program with complementarity constraints? *Mathematical Programming*, 131:37–48, 2012.